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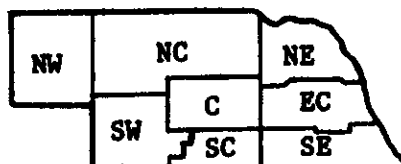
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## WEATHER

The week started warm but ended on the cool side. Temperatures averaged three degrees above normal in the northwest and up to fifteen degrees above normal in the east central. Precipitation occurred the latter half of the week with amounts from traces up to six-tenths of an inch.

## GENERAL

Row crop harvest was nearing completion in many parts of the State, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The remainder of the State was harvesting at full speed, as most of the week was ideal for fieldwork averaging 6.7 days suitable statewide. Late last week, rain and snow in the Panhandle and some central counties slowed harvest a bit but gave a boost to the winter wheat crop. More rain would be welcomed statewide before the ground freezes as it has been a very dry fall. Producers in the East who have completed harvesting were doing fall tillage. In the West, the sugar beet harvest was nearing completion.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 78% short and 22% adequate. Subsoil moisture rated 82% short and 18% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 77% short and 23% adequate, while subsoil moisture was 70% short and 30% adequate.

## CROPS

Corn harvest advanced to 80% complete, about ten days ahead of the 5-year

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average. This compares with 86% last year and 61% average. Some dryland fields in the Southeast were too poor to harvest and will be grazed. Excellent fall drying, harvesting weather has reduced the need for most crop drying this year.

Sorghum harvest was 89% complete compared with 94% in 1988 and 72% average. Progress was also about ten days ahead of normal.

Soybean harvest was about 11 days ahead of average, at 95% complete. Last year the crop was 98% harvested and the 5-year average was 78%.

Winter wheat condition was 1% very poor, 42% fair, 54% good and 3% excellent. Rain in the West gave a boost to the crop as well as slowing the development of Russian wheat aphids. Scattered rains over the weekend will aid wheat in the southeast and east.

## LIVESTOCK

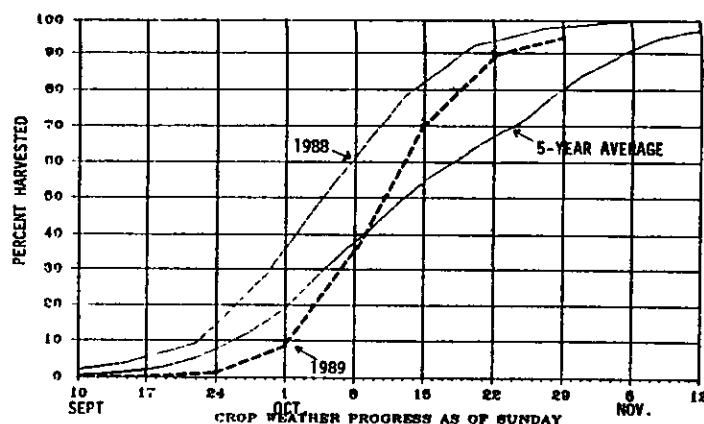
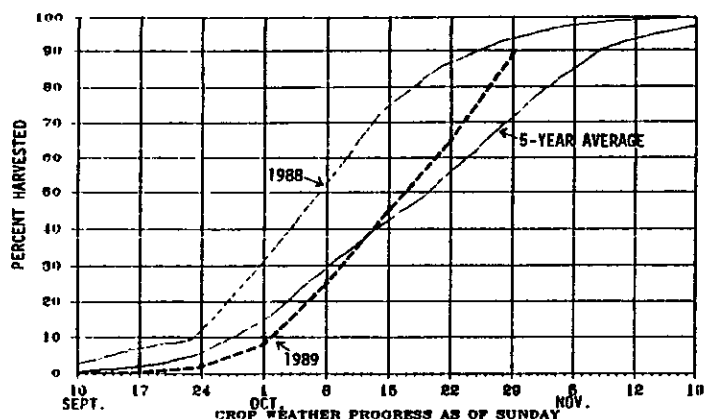
Pasture and range feed supplies rated 18% very short, 60% short and 22% adequate. Hay and roughage supplies rated 7% very short, 30% short and 63% adequate. Cattle continued to graze stalks across the State with some making excellent gains in the Southwest. In the North, cases of pneumonia in calves were reported as caused by dust from the dry conditions. Calves were being worked and marketed around the State.

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## NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS HARVESTED



PERCENT HARVESTED

100  
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10 SEPT. 17 24 1 OCT. 8 15 22 29 5 NOV. 12 19 26

1988

5-YEAR AVERAGE

1989

CROP WEATHER PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

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Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	--	--	--	--	--
	Scottsbluff	78	30	48	+3	.48
	Sidney	76	28	49	--	T
NC	Ord	82	33	56	--	0
	Valentine	79	34	55	+10	.14
NE	Norfolk	83	37	59	+12	.15
	Sioux City	82	40	61	+13	.11
CEN	Grand Island	83	41	59	+11	.62
EC	Lincoln	81	37	62	+13	.02
	Omaha	80	49	64	+15	.10
SW	Imperial	80	29	59	--	0
	North Platte	83	30	56	+7	.07

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.